

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This proposal deals only with the steering axle loadings on tires and the steering axle. The requirement for using the manufacturer's load rating for the tires is an acceptable methodology for determining the loading of the steering axle tires. It also provides for consideration of the manufacturer's load rating for the steering axle. These two new methods of determining the weight allowed on the steering axle do NOT allow for the steering axle to exceed 20,000 under existing law and with these changes.

In order for this change to be effective and useful as soon as possible, Section 2 has been added so that these changes can be effective in the spring of 2015.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund. This change to add the tire rating will only clarify in the field, the method of determining the load rating of steering axle tires and the rating of the steering axle.

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